(c) the steps so far taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Amendment to Companies Act**

917. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to amend Section 252 of the Companies Act to have minimum number of women as Directors on the Boards of corporate entities;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified the class or classes of companies required to follow this statute; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Third Party Administrators for Mediclaim Policy Holders**

918. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints about the poor customer care by the Third Party Administrators (TPAs) for the Mediclaim Policy Holders have been received; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to offer better services by TPAs to the policy holders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) General Insurers' (Public

Sector) Association of India (GIPSA) has reported that complaints have been received by the public sector general insurance companies regarding deficiency in customer services by the Third Party Administrators (TPAs).

(b) The complaints, *inter alia*, relate to non-issuance of photo identity cards to policy holders, non-availability of cashless facility in some of the hospitals and delay in settlement of claims. Effort for improving custom services is a continuous process. The public sector general insurance companies have been coordinating with the TPAs, on a regular basis, for bringing about improvements in the system and for redressal of grievances of the customers.

**Central Fund for unorganized labour sector**

919. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide Rs. 1,000 crore towards the Central Fund for Welfare of unorganized labour sector including pensions;

(b) whether State Governments will also be required to contribute towards this fund; and

(c) if so, what would the ratio of the Central and State contribution towards the fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Foreign exchange reserve position**

†920. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether International Monetary Fund has praised India for its comfortable foreign exchange reserves;

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